



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 3676
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Hirofumi WATANABE)	Examiner: C. J. BOSWELL
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Appln. No.: 10/693,692)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: October 27, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 8681
)	
For: ANTI-PANIC MECHANISM OF)	December 5, 2005
VEHICLE DOOR LATCH DEVICE)	
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Official Action of July 5, 2005, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully reviewed. Claim 1 remains in the application for consideration, and this claim defines patentable subject matter warranting its allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0036298 by Hayakawa, which was filed on May 27, 2003. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.